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TO AMEMBASSY ROME IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PPDC, IT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER  
BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
1.EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE  
PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I AM WRITING TO YOU AT WHAT I KNOW IS A DIFFICULT TIME  
FOR YOU AND FOR THE ITALIAN PEOPLE. ALL OF US IN THE  
UNITED STATES WERE SHOCKED BY THE SENSELESS KIDNAPPING  
OF SR. ALDO MORO, A DISTINGUISHED STATESMAN AND NATIONAL  
LEADER. MY PRAYERS -- AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE --  
ARE WITH YOU AND WITH THE PEOPLE OF ITALY, DURING THIS TIME  
OF HOPING FOR THE SAFE AND SPEEDY RETURN OF SR. MORO.

YOU HAVE SHOWN COURAGE AND WISDOM IN RENEWING YOUR OWN  
COMMITMENT TO THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND VALUES THAT  
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ARE THE SHARED HERITAGE OF OUR TWO PEOPLES, AND THE  
TRUE TARGET OF THIS KIDNAPPING.

YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE MY STEADFAST  
SUPPORT, AND THAT OF THE UNITED STATES, AS YOU OPPOSE  
TERRORISM AND SEEK SR. MORO'S SAFE RETURN. PLEASE ALSO  
CONVEY MY SUPPORT AND PRAYERS TO HIS FAMILY.

WITH BEST PERSONAL REGARDS.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS IN POUCH.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN RELEASE BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION SHOULD ITALIANS WISH TO DO SO. END LIMITED  
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4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: IN DELIVERING TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S  
LETTER TO LA ROCCA, PLEASE MAKE SURE HE IS AWARE OF  
DR. PIECZENIK'S PRESENCE AND PURPOSE IN ROME. END  
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